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FOR: CONTROLLED-RELEASED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION AND METHOD

FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. If any fee is required to fully consider this response, Applicants authorize the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 1050-4.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-6.

Claims 21-22 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 7.